

## Society Reports

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held on Saturday evening, March 24, at the residence of Dr. W. E. Cunningham.

The society was called to order by its president, Dr. P. C. Campbell. Those present at the meeting were Drs. C. L. Abbott, G. M. O'Malley, P. C. Campbell, W. E. Cunningham, H. N. Belgum, C. C. Fitz Gibbon, H. L. Carpenter, C. E. Camp, J. T. Breneman, W. W. Frazer, Hall Vestal, E. W. O'Brien and U. S. Abbott.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the usual business of the society was transacted.

Dr. Henry Harris of San Francisco read a most entertaining and instructive paper on "Blood Pressure—its Physiology, Prognosis, Diagnostic Value and Treatment."

After an elaborate Dutch luncheon was served the meeting was adjourned to meet again May 26.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. ABBOTT, Secretary,  
Contra Costa Medical Society.

### KERN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

#### Report of Meeting of March 16th, 1917.

The Kern County Medical Society was called to order by President F. J. Gundry at 8:30 p. m. at the City Manager's Office, City Hall, with 50 per cent. of the membership present.

After the usual routine business, Dr. Ralph Williams of Los Angeles was introduced to the Society by the President. Dr. Williams held a dermatological clinic for a half hour, then presented a paper, "The Relation of Dermatology to General Medicine." A general discussion followed which continued until 11 o'clock, when an enthusiastic vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Williams, with the wish that he might be with us at some future date.

The meeting adjourned after a resolution was passed to hold the next meeting on May 18, 1917, as the meeting of the State Society conflicts with the April date.

C. A. MORRIS, Secretary.

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

#### Eye and Ear Section.

Attendance—Drs. Bullard, Brown, Davies, Dudley, Dilworth, Detling, Griffith, Graham, Kyle, Libby, Lund, T. J. McCoy, Geo. W. McCoy, R. W. Miller, Montgomery, Old, Rogers, Stivers, Swetman, Tholen and True.

Visitors—Drs. Browning, McKellar, Bogue, Endleman, Cummings, Gage, Crane, Strader, Singleton and Henninger.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following cases were reported:

Dr. True—Small papillomatous growth center: boy's tongue, hard, anterior half looked like angioma, posterior half is too fibrous to be angioma, there are no symptoms, no hemorrhage, no pain.

Dr. T. J. McCoy showed a case of Xanthelasma Palpebrarum, very extensive, in which chromic acid is being used with much success, on probe passed into the growth. In 39 cases treated by him over a period of 20 years, he has never had a case where chromic acid did not restore the normal pink color of the skin.

2nd case. Iridectomy.

3rd case. Foreign body in the eye.

Dr. Stivers reported a case of Innominate Aneurism with laryngeal involvement.

Dr. Roland Cummings read a paper on "General Considerations of Focal Infections."

Dr. Julio Endleman read his paper on "Focal Infection from the Dentist's Standpoint."

Dr. Montgomery read his paper on "Sinus and Mastoid in Focal Infection."

Dr. Stivers read his paper on "Tonsil and Adenoid in Focal Infection."

#### Discussion.

Dr. Tholen—Mouth. In the mouth and teeth are frequently found foci of infection. The X-rays are very useful in diagnosis.

Dr. Browning—Mouth infection in tubercular patients, a point well brought out in Dr. Stivers' paper, relieve one condition and others subside. Dentist work is sometimes incomplete, foci should all be cleaned up.

Dr. Brown—Tonsils are affected most commonly because of their position and their poor drainage. In deciding whether patients' tonsils should be removed or not I consider the previous history. Had one patient with many attacks of iritis due to tonsil infection. Iritis cleared up after tonsil removal. In chorea we do not get good results because the cervical glands will, if infected, keep up the systemic infection. Tuberculosis fairly common in adenoid cases, 17 in 1000 cases. My experience satisfies me to go on with further work in this line.

Dr. Sweet—We should have some understanding of the work with the dentist in the cases we refer to him. Should have X-ray taken.

Dr. Montgomery—Dr. Stivers' paper recalls an attack of acute appendicitis following tonsillitis, also case quincy, incised four times by general physician. Tracheotomy done by me to give air but patient died of acute streptococcic infection.

Dr. Endlemen—I wish to ask Dr. Montgomery whether I understood him to say "Teeth cause abscesses in the body but the teeth are not abscessed by general bodily conditions." My answer to that would be no. Abscess of the teeth can occur from general bodily condition, but usually this is a single abscess.

Dr. Rogers asked Dr. Cummings what is the chief source of cough in focal infection, what nerves, etc.

Asked Dr. Brown if in iritis acute to promptly remove the tonsil would not be too radical? It would lower patient's vitality and set up further infection.

Dr. Detling—Dr. Stivers went into physiology of tonsil thoroughly and I was glad to hear it. In my work at Children's Hospital I find that children are referred by physicians and nurses for trivial conditions. I refuse to operate on children under 6 or 7 years, unless some particularly abnormal conditions.

A vote of thanks was given to Drs. Endleman and Cummings for their courtesy in coming before this section with interesting papers.

Dr. Cummings (in closing)—We see very little trouble in freely drained extra-osseous foci, they are well drained. The intra-osseous on the other hand is not well drained. The tonsil is badly drained so much scar tissue, etc., makes them the most common source of focal infection.

Dr. Endleman—Disagree with Dr. Cummings as to the extra-osseous focus, it is not freely drained. Clinical results are very convincing.

### MENDOCINO COUNTY.

At the call of the president, Dr. Frank C. Peirsol, a meeting was held at Albion, in the office of Dr. H. H. Wolfe, on February 10, at 8 p. m. Dr. R. H. Hunt of Bartlett Springs, Lake County, was elected to membership. A committee, consisting of Drs. Hunt, Rea and Stout, was appointed to get in contact with the Lake County physicians

and to invite them to become members of this society. A resolution passed instructing the Secretary to write our legislators to work and vote according to the recommendations of the Medical Society of the State of California.

Dr. Campbell read a paper on scarlet fever.

Dr. C. Francis Baker contributed a paper entitled, "A Brief Study on Preventive Medicine."

Those in attendance were Drs. F. C. Peirsol, L. C. Gregory, H. O. Cleland, F. McL. Campbell, H. Peddicord and O. H. Beckman.

Sincere thanks to our host, Dr. H. H. Wolfe, who banqueted us in regal style. I hope the stream of life will always give him a favorable tide.

OSWALD BECKMAN, Secretary.

#### SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

Dr. George H. Kress, president of the State Society, and Dr. Clarence E. Moore, Councillor for the Second District, visited San Diego on the evening of February 24th and enjoyed the hospitality of the San Diego County Society. Dr. Moore presented an able paper on calculus of the ureter and kidney, illustrated by stereopticon with radiograms. President Kress addressed the meeting on the detail planning necessary for successfully handling the State convention. He expressed himself as well pleased with the arrangements being made by the local committee and predicted a splendid gathering in April.

The San Diego County Supervisors have advertised for tentative plans for a County Tuberculosis Hospital to be built in such a manner that the same may be added to from time to time.

The Medical Library, through the courtesy of the management of the Timken Building in which it is located, has been given an extension quarters which was very much needed.

#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the residence of Dr. J. D. Young on Friday evening, February 23. In the absence of the president, First Vice-President R. T. McGurk was in the chair. Those present were Drs. R. T. McGurk, H. C. Petersen, F. Conzelmann, J. T. Davison, B. F. Walker, H. J. Bolinger, E. B. Todd, Mary Taylor, N. E. Williamson, L. Dozier, S. P. Tuggle, H. E. Sanderson, R. R. Hammond, J. D. Young, Hudson Smythe, Margaret Smyth, E. A. Arthur and D. R. Powell, with Dr. Allan Powers of Tracy and Dr. Frank L. Kelly of Berkeley as guests.

Following the business session, the chairman introduced Dr. Frank Kelly of the State Board of Health, who read a paper on the "Epidemiological Control of Diphtheria," in which he spoke of the necessity of detecting the carriers and controlling them until such time as they were cleared up. He also spoke of the Schick reaction as a ready means of dividing those exposed into immunes and non-immunes and the consequent saving in the amounts of anti-toxin necessary as prophylactic doses, in that the immunes would not need such protective measures. Dr. Williamson of the State Hospital spoke of his experience in the control of diphtheria in that institution, with particular reference to the assistance of the Schick reaction. Drs. Petersen, Arthur, Taylor and Davison also joined in the discussion. Dr. D. R. Powell spoke of several cases of laryngeal diphtheria in two of which emergency tracheotomies had been necessary.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned to enjoy a delightful repast.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the residence

of Dr. J. D. Dameron, Friday evening, March 30, President Charles R. Harry presiding. Those present were Drs. C. R. Harry, B. F. Walker, E. A. Arthur, J. D. Dameron, Mary Taylor, R. B. Knight, C. D. Holliger, J. T. Davison, L. Dozier, C. F. English, G. G. Hawkins, Minerva Goodman, Margaret Smyth, A. E. Edgerton, J. V. Craviotto, and Dr. R. Powell with Dr. McCloskey as guest.

A committee of five was appointed, to be known as the Auxiliary Medical Defense Committee of San Joaquin County and to co-operate with the Medical Committee Council of National Defense. The president also appointed a committee of five with the City Health Officer as ex-officio member to confer with parties interested in the establishment of a certified dairy to supply the city of Stockton.

At the conclusion of the routine business, the scientific program consisting of a symposium on "Meningitis" was taken up. The first paper by Dr. J. D. Dameron was on Etiology, Pathology and Symptomatology; the second paper by Dr. Craviotto on the Prognosis and Treatment, in which he manifested particularly the advantages to be gained by heroic doses of antimeningitic serum; the third paper by Dr. A. E. Edgerton on Meningitis of Otitic Origin. The papers were discussed respectively by Drs. Arthur, Harry and Powell, following which there was general discussion by most of the members present.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the meeting adjourned to enjoy a social repast.

DEWEY R. POWELL, Secretary.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

During the month of March, 1917, the following meetings were held:

##### Tuesday, March 6—Section on Medicine.

1. Aortic Disease; Demonstration of Case. G. E. Ebricht.
2. Some Interesting Chest Cases. H. P. Hill.
  - (a) Abscess of the Lung, with Development of Acute Penetrating Gastric Ulcer.
  - (b) General Empyema, with Development of Pleurocutaneous Fistula and Bronchial Fistula.
  - (c) Obstruction of Left Bronchus with Aneurysm Perforating Bronchus (two cases).
3. (a) Sarcoma Following Traumatism.  
(b) Acute Suppurative Cellulitis of Stomach. Emmet Rixford.
4. Case of Erythromelalgia. S. R. Dannenbaum.
5. Fracture of the Neck of the Femur. H. A. L. Ryfkogel.

##### Tuesday, March 13—General Meeting.

Report of a Case of Little's Disease. Rhizotomy (Foerster's Operation). Correction of Deformity by Orthopedic Measures. Re-education. Condition Before and After Treatment Shown by Motion Pictures. Walter F. Schaller and H. L. Langnecker.

##### Tuesday, March 20—Section on Surgery.

1. Gastroenterostomy. C. W. Lippman.
2. Carcinoma of Rectum. (Illustrated by lantern slides.) Harold Brunn.
3. Tendon Suture; Demonstration of Cases. Sterling Bunnell.

##### Tuesday, March 27—Section on Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

1. Presentation of Cases:
  - H. B. Graham. (a) X-ray of Fracture of Skull Through Cribriform Plate. Including Frac-

tures of Anterior Walls of Both Frontal Sinuses.

- (b) Stereoscopic Picture Showing Normal Skull Which Simulated Lues.

Hans Barkan. Amyloid Degeneration (?) After Injury.

K. Pischel. Case of Sympathetic Ophthalmia.

H. McNaught. (a) Healed Tuberculosis of One Ear; Active Tuberculosis of the Lung and Larynx.

- (b) Carcinoma of Tonsil.

- (c) Carcinoma of Larynx.

- (d) Anomaly of Fork Test; Bone Conduction Referred to Left Ear; Vestibular Function Active in Left Ear; Infinite Negative Rinne Left Complete Deafness.

- (e) Specimen of Brain Abscess Following Chronic Otitis Media.

J. F. Smith. Glaucoma Following Cataract.

2. Preliminary Report of the Bacteria Found in Tonsils. B. Jablons.

3. .... J. G. Sharp.

4. Microbiology of the Buccal Cavity in Relation to Distant Foci. K. F. Meyer.

RENE BINE, Secretary.

#### SISKIYOU COUNTY.

The Siskiyou County Medical Society held its regular quarterly meeting in Montague. Monday afternoon, 3:30 p. m., April 2. Dr. Will Tebbe, president pro tem., occupied the chair. Those present were: Drs. Hal Warren, Chas. Pius, Geo. Hall, W. F. Shaw, G. W. Hathaway, G. W. Dwinell, Will Tebbe and J. Roy Jones.

A report was given by the committee, Drs. Pius, Shaw and Jones, on health insurance. No recommendation as to the action to be taken by this society was given.

Dr. C. W. Nutting was elected as a delegate to the meeting at Coronado. Dr. G. W. Hathaway read a paper on "The Cystoscope and the Vesical Stone," which was discussed at length.

The next meeting was voted to be held at Shasta Springs on July 2d.

J. ROY JONES, Secretary.

#### TULARE COUNTY.

At the monthly meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society, held in Visalia on the evening of March 20, Drs. H. J. Willey of Porterville and G. A. Clapp of Lindsay were duly elected to membership.

There was a splendid attendance at this meeting and Dr. Walter V. Brem of Los Angeles, the guest of the society, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the "Treatment of Syphilis."

In view of the fact that the meeting of the State Society is to be held in April it was voted to omit the April meeting of the County Society.

ADDISON W. PRESTON, Secretary.

#### LANE MEDICAL LECTURES FOR 1917.

The Lane medical lectures for the year 1917 will be delivered by Dr. Simon Flexner, director of Laboratories of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, during the week beginning Monday, October 8. There will be five lectures in all and they will be given on consecutive evenings, at 8 o'clock. The subject of the series will be: "Physical Basis and Present Status of Specific Serum and Drug Therapy."

## Book Reviews

**Practical Urinalysis.** By B. G. R. Williams. Illustrated. St. Louis: Mosby. 1916.

An excellent little manual for the routine examination of urine for the student and general practitioner. The tests are all practical and the simplest and most reliable are selected for use. The interpretations are conservative and to be depended upon. This little book can safely be recommended for general use after the student has been trained in the various methods to be learned in the clinical laboratory. On the whole, the book is a dependable epitome of the best modern methods both as to reliability and interpretation.

G. H. T.

**Public Health Nursing.** By Mary Sewall Gardner, R. N., with an introduction by M. Adelaide Nutting. New York: Macmillan. 1916. Price, \$1.75.

While the medical profession has been developing the social aspect of its work, and we have hygiene and preventive medicine added to our activities, the nursing profession has not been idle, as can easily be ascertained from the important work on public health nursing from the pen of one of the pioneers in this field. Miss Gardner has given us a very fine exposition of the mechanism of organized nursing. The history of public health nursing, from earliest times down to date; organization, administration and personnel of visiting nursing; and the special branches of public health nursing; are the main divisions of the book. Most thoroughly gone into are the questions of the type and training of the women who are to be nurses, devoting themselves to this branch of nursing. There is an intimate knowledge of the social service side of nursing that would be of interest to all who are connected with clinics, especially clinics with nurse service and visiting in the homes of the patients. The sub-headings under the specialties include tuberculosis nursing, child welfare nursing, school nursing, mental hygiene nursing, industrial nursing and medical social service. On all of these subjects the comment is keen and the discussion of the principles of the work clear and thoughtful. For all those to whom the subject of public health is of interest this book is to be recommended as a most illuminating and stimulating commentary.

G. H. T.

**Focal Infection.** Lane medical lectures by Frank Billings. Delivered September 20-24, 1915. Stanford University Medical School, San Francisco. Published New York and London: D. Appleton & Co., 1916.

While this topic, new as it is, has already undergone many changes, it is a matter of some satisfaction to read what constitutes one of the very first authoritative and comprehensive statements on this subject. On reading the lectures slowly, one is impressed by the enormous amount of work done in the chemical, bacteriological, pathological and biological laboratories and at the bedside, by the brilliant group of men, whose joint labors produced this new, yet already well-established hypothesis of the etiologic relation of focal infection to systemic diseases. The conferring of specific pathogenicity to the various strains of certain common micro-organisms and of specific elective tissue affinity for specifically cultured micro-organisms and, finally, the conception of the transmutability of the cocci of the streptococcus-pneumococcus group form a triad of epochal thoughts that must be accorded the serious attention of all interested in medicine and the sister sciences. The five lectures that constitute the series contain a world of material and, read at leisure, supply one with a very complete resumé of all that has been done in this line up to the time of the lectures.

G. H. T.